SENATE BILL 253

By Green

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, Part 1 and Title 55, Chapter 51, Part 1, relative to motorcycle rider education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-102(39), is amended by deleting the following language:

after successfully passing the motorcycle operator's license examination or when enrolled in a certified motorcycle rider education program;

and by substituting instead the following:

after presenting proof of successful completion of a rider training course as defined in chapter 51 of this title;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-51-102(a), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and by adding the following language as a new subdivision (2):

(2) Any person under eighteen (18) years of age shall not be issued an original motorcycle operator license unless the person presents proof of successful completion of a rider training course as defined in this chapter and otherwise meets the requirements of this title.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-51-102(d), is amended by inserting the language "or motorcycle operator license" immediately after the language "motorcycle learner's permit".

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to all new applications for motorcycle operator licenses or motorcycle learner permits submitted on or after July 1, 2013.